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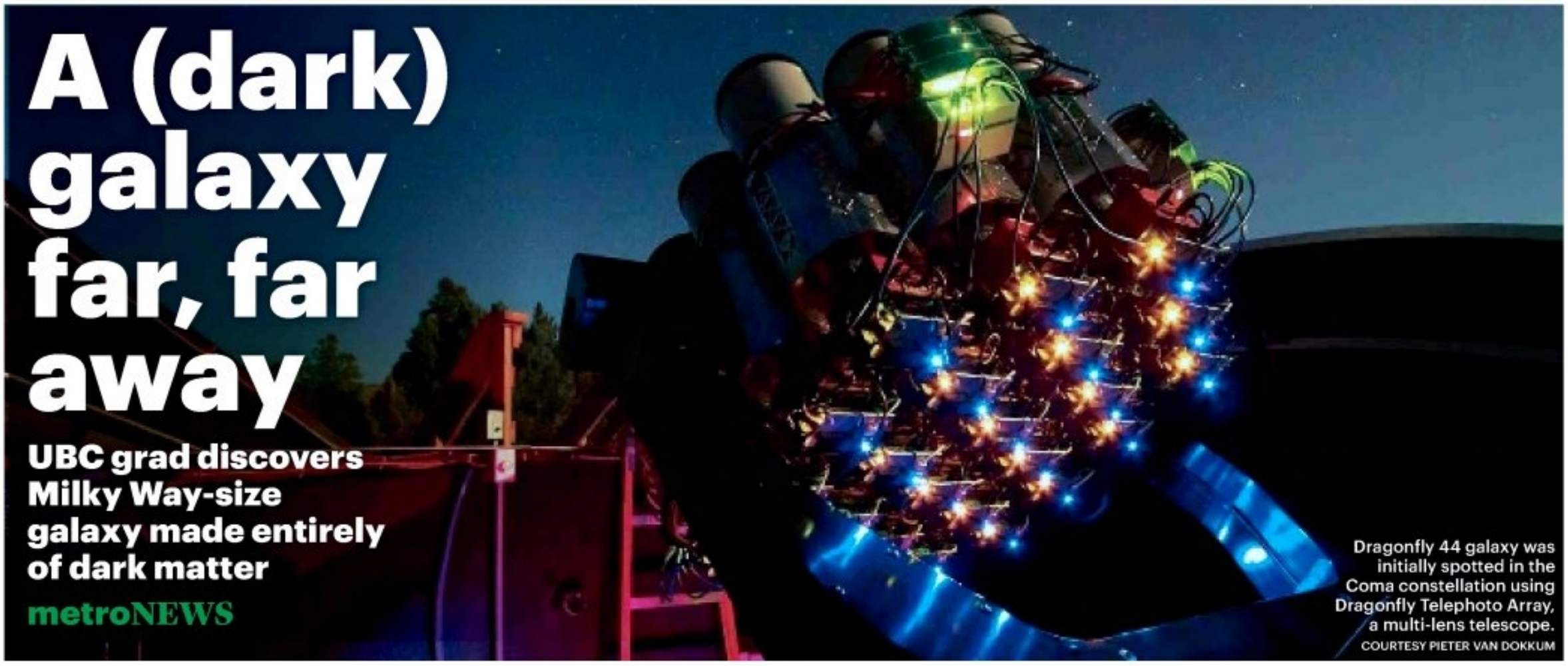

A (dark) galaxy far, far away

UBC grad discovers Milky Way-size galaxy made entirely of dark matter

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Dragonfly 44 galaxy was initially spotted in the Coma constellation using Dragonfly Telephoto Array, a multi-lens telescope.
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Record year for North Shore rescue

INCREASE

Volunteer organization looking for ways to sustain

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

North Shore Rescue has responded to a record number of calls so far this year and is looking for ways to manage the increased workload this has put on its volunteers.

The search and rescue organization has responded to 95 calls in 2016 as of Wednesday, five more than the same period in 2015. Last year was already a record year for the volunteer-based NSR, said team leader Mike Danks.

"Is it sustainable if it continues to increase at this rate? I don't know the answer to that," he said. "What I can say is our team is going to be meeting in September and we're going to talk about the increase in call volume and things we can do to hopefully lighten the load."

Hiking in B.C. is becoming increasingly popular among locals and tourists, resulting in more calls, explained Danks.

"If you go out onto the local trails now, there's a lot of people out there and there's a lot of tourists out there that are very naive to the dangers in the backcountry."

It's paramount for people to research the trip before heading out on a hike, he said.

"Our big focus is on education and prevention. We're doing as much of that as possible."

Danks said a large part of that education effort comes from Emergency Management BC (EMBC).

This year, the provincial government provided $346,000 to B.C. search-and-rescue groups for the nationwide education program Adventure Smart in which educators meet hikers at the start of trails.

The Adventure Smart funding was part of a one-time $10-million grant to the BC Search and Rescue Association, which represents the province's 80 search-and-rescue groups, according to a written statement from EMBC. That additional funding was a response to the increased number of calls some SAR groups in B.C. have been experiencing, according to the statement.

But most of NSR's operating budget ($170,000 out of $500,000) still comes from public donations, according to Dank.

EMBC is currently reviewing an alternative support model, according to a spokesperson.

When asked about the idea of becoming a professional organization as opposed to a volunteer one, Danks said NSR was not actively exploring that option.

"But we're open to any discussion and ideas that might be brought forward," he said.

One thing NSR does not want to see for certain is a pay-for-use model where people cough up money for their own rescues.

"What happens is people will try to self-rescue and in self-rescuing, they're going to delay calling us and more likely get themselves into more treacherous terrain," said Dank.

"We're strongly against that."

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Conservation to candidate

POLITICS

Bryce Casavant is now running in Comox for New Democrats

David P. Ball
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Last July, Bryce Casavant lost his job as a Conservation Officer for refusing to kill two young black bears — sparking a global outcry and outpouring of support for his act.

The army veteran and doctoral student in human-animal conflict announced this week that he's running to be nominated as B.C. New Democrats' candidate for Comox in next May's provincial election. He said his work ordeal, after he refused orders to euthanize the pair of five-month-old cubs nicknamed Athena and Jordan, deepened his understanding of what true leadership is.

"What we need in the political landscape of our province are leaders who are okay making tough decisions, understanding that all decisions come with a certain amount of risk," he told Metro in a phone interview, "and they're also willing to be held accountable.

"That's the link for me is that I am the kind of person who can take a stand ... I'm not saying I always get it right, but I definitely try hard to make accurate and informed decisions."

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Bryce Casavant

Military veteran Bryce Casavant, and a former B.C. Conservation Officer suspended for refusing orders to euthanize two bear cubs last July, hopes to represent the NDP in next May's provincial election. COURTESY BRYCE CASAVANT

Since his attempt to be reinstated in the province's Conservation Officer service was denied, Casavant accepted a senior position in B.C.'s forests ministry and has been studying human-animal conflicts, as part of a doctoral program at Royal Roads University.

But while taking a stand for the bear cubs may have driven him into the public eye, his "real drive to run" is wanting to address the needs of senior citizens and protecting local water sources.

"I can't deny that I have a soft spot for environmental issues," he said with a laugh. "I think that's out there.

"For me, the real drive to run is seniors care and healthcare issues.

"We have seniors suffering in the (Comox) Valley, and that needs to be addressed. Clean water and water security is (also) a huge issue that's very near and dear to me."

MMIW

'Concrete' proposals needed: Official

When Marion Buller looks back on the Saskatchewan First Nation territory where she spent her summers growing up, some of her childhood friends are no longer there.

They are aboriginal women who went missing or were murdered, part of a tragic phenomenon in Canada that Buller is now tasked with examining as head of a national inquiry.

"The impact on me has been to understand the tremendous loss to the families, and not just the loss to the family but the loss to the community as a whole," she said in an interview Wednesday. "When an indigenous woman is murdered or goes missing or is lost, we all lose."

Buller, British Columbia's first female First Nations judge, formally begins work Thursday as the inquiry's chief commissioner. Over two years, she and four other commissioners will explore the systemic causes of disproportionately high rates of violence against aboriginal women and girls. The commissioners have broad latitude to develop the inquiry process. Buller said many details have not yet been decided but they will meet next week in Vancouver to set priorities and tackle the terms of reference.

But she said she hopes to create a setting for families that is comfortable and respectful, and that ultimately the recommendations produced in a 2018 report will be acted upon.

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Dark matter galaxy discovered

ASTRONOMY

Canadian and colleague dub their find Dragonfly 44

David P. Ball
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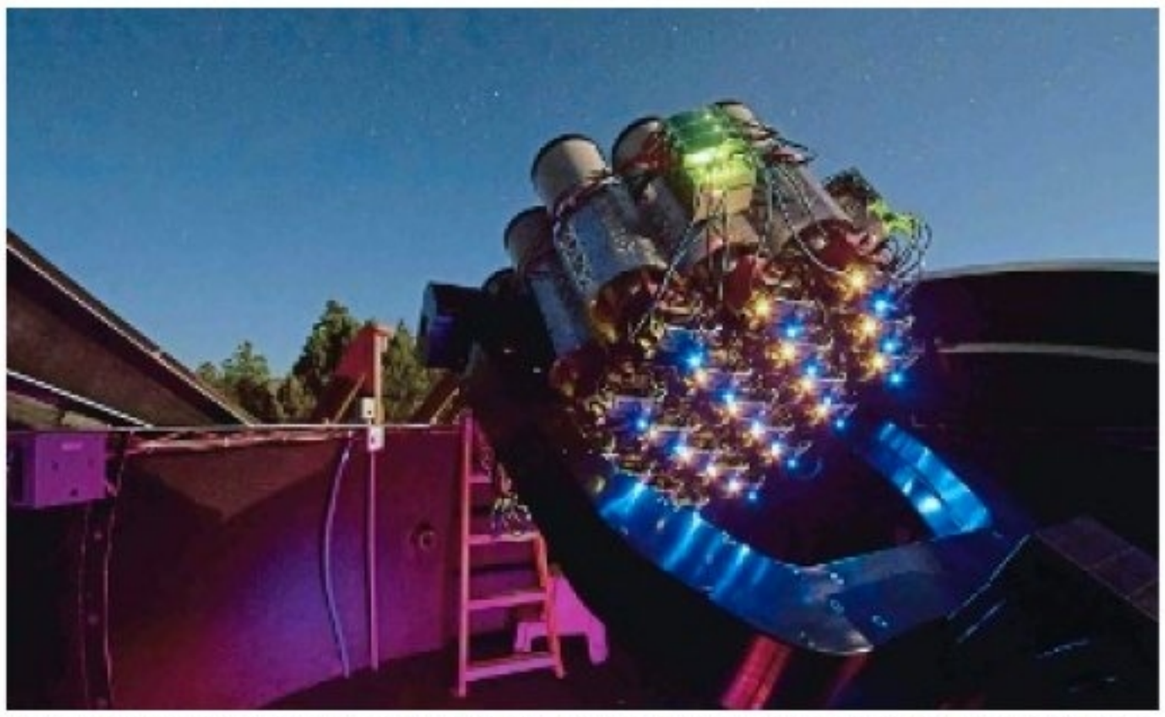
Many a discovery or idea was hatched over a pint of ale — DNA, the existence of carbon dioxide, Pet Rocks among them.

But a "beery" conversation four years ago has led two astronomers, including a Canadian observational cosmologist, to stumble upon a gigantic galaxy that's as heavy as our own — but has almost no visible stars.

It's named "Dragonfly 44," and University of Toronto's Roberto Abraham estimates it is made of 99.99 per cent dark matter, a mysterious cosmic material only observable through its gravitational effects.



Dragonfly 44 galaxy was spotted in the Coma constellation using Dragonfly Telephoto Array, invented by U of T's Roberto Abraham and Yale's Pieter van Dokkum. COURTESY PIETER VAN DOKKUM

"This is a really massive galaxy, about same mass as our Milky Way, but it's almost pure dark matter," Abraham, who completed an astronomy degree at the University of B.C., told Metro in a phone interview. "Dragonfly 44 is a different type of galaxy.

"You could think of almost like a cloud that's enormous but hardly has any stars in it. Such things shouldn't really exist."

Scientists have known about dark matter since the 1970s, he explained, but despite many "wildly speculative" theories amongst scholars no one knows what it actually is yet.

Even our own Milky Way is believed to contain some dark matter at its core. But Dragonfly 44 is the largest galaxy ever discovered made up that's mostly dark matter, he said.

> **"We thought, 'Hang on, there's nowhere near enough stars for this thing to have all this mass coming from them.'**
> Roberto Alexander, observational cosmologist

"Galaxies like this should not be found, and they shouldn't last," he said. "Think of it as just seeing the frosting on the cake but not seeing the cake."

As for the name "Dragonfly 44," Abraham explained that it's because he and his colleague, Yale astronomer Pieter van Dokkum, found it using the Dragonfly Telephoto Array — a telescope they invented using 48 commercial Canon telephoto lenses joined together, which they hoped to use to study how galaxies form.

"We came up with the idea of using lenses for a telescope over a beery conversation about four years ago," he said. "It's an idea that went out of fashion a century ago, but is a pretty novel concept that's enabling us to go after objects that are otherwise undetectable.

"This (discovery) emerged more or less by accident … We thought, 'Hang on, there's nowhere near enough stars for this thing to have all this mass coming from them.'"

After spotting Dragonfly 44, they were able to take a closer look at Hawaii's Keck Observatory, using the powerful Gemini North telescope. The pair's findings were published in the September edition of The Astrophysical Journal Letters.

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Fentanyl in 90% of examined heroin

INSITE

Officials hope test pushes people to use caution

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Health-care providers in Vancouver's supervised injection site hope that providing a test that checks drugs for traces of fentanyl will encourage more clients to use caution when taking drugs.

Clients at Insite have used the test 173 times during the first month of the pilot program (July 3 to Aug. 3) and 86 per cent of them came back positive for fentanyl.

Heroin in particular was even more likely to be contaminated with fentanyl, with 90 per cent of those tests coming back positive, according to Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH).

"An intervention like this is meant to really bring it home and to let (clients) know their personal risk to being exposed to fentanyl because we think that might really change their behaviour," said Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, medical health officer with VCH.

"It may encourage them to do things like inject with a sober friend or start with a smaller dose of drugs."

The test, which comes in the form of a test strip, only requires a tiny amount of the drug to work and comes back with a result in a couple of seconds.

Clients can decide whether to use the test, when to use it, and what to do with the drug they've brought in after the test, said Marjory Ditmars, a nurse who works at Insite.

VCH is not letting people take the test home because an overdose can still happen even if the test comes back negative, explained Lysyshyn.

"We're a little worried that if we give these strips to people, they test their drugs at home and they find that they are negative, they might use them without any precautions because they think they are safe."

The test reveals its results within a couple seconds.
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LANGLEY

Dog dies as owner steps into dog fight

The RCMP say a dog has died in Langley after it attacked another dog and a man in a local park.

In a news release, the RCMP says it's believed the Cane Corso died while it was being held down by the owner of the dog that was attacked.

Police say they received a report shortly after 4:30 p.m. Tuesday of the Cane Corso attacking a retriever and its owner in Noel Booth Park.

Police say the owner of the dog that was attacked did not require medical attention for his injuries.

Jenny Ramirez, an animal control officer from the Patti Dale Animal Shelter, says a witness reported a person and a dog had been bitten by a loose dog.

She says the owner of the attacking dog arrived shortly after the incident.

Both animal control and the RCMP declined to release further information, saying the incident is still being investigated by the Langley Animal Protection Society.

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LANGLEY

Officer cleared in fatal 2015 shooting

B.C.'s independent police watchdog has cleared Vancouver officers of any criminal wrongdoing in a fatal shooting in the Downtown Eastside last year.

But the Independent Investigations Office says the case appears to be an example of a pattern of problems where officers involved in critical incidents are failing to prepare timely notes of their involvement.

It says a complaint about the notes will be forwarded to the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner.

A 26-year-old Edmonton man was fatally shot after two men and a woman near the First United Church were stabbed in April 2015.

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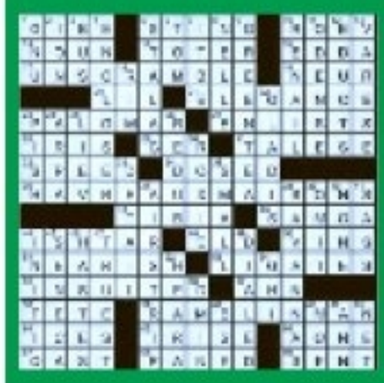

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SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Gaps put kids at risk

There are "serious gaps" — in resources, training and research — in efforts to protect young people from online sexual exploitation, warns a study prepared for the federal government.

It means "much more still needs to be done" to ensure the safety of vulnerable children, especially in regions that lack the people and programming to make a difference, says the examination of 60 public-sector and non-profit agencies across the country.

The study, completed in March for Public Safety Canada by an Ottawa consulting firm.

Public Safety commissioned the research to build on its work against online exploitation and "ensure that federal investments are targeted at the areas of greatest need," the study said.

It followed an internal department memo in February that warned of insufficient police resources to keep pace with the burgeoning threat to children from online sexual predators.

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Free-trade talks hit snag

BEIJING

China has been urging Canada to begin with negotiations

Formal free-trade talks between Canada and China have yet to proceed because of snags over labour, the environment and concerns linked to Chinese state-owned enterprises, says Ottawa's envoy to Beijing.

Ambassador Guy Saint-Jacques highlighted those sticking points Wednesday after Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said Canada and China would soon launch a feasibility study on an eventual free trade deal.

Li spoke to reporters through a translator after meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Asked about the remarks, Saint-Jacques denied that the two sides had agreed to begin formal negotiations.

But Saint-Jacques, who accompanied Trudeau at meetings Wednesday with Li and later with President Xi Jinping, did share some details of the prime minister's position on the matter.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang shakes hands with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau following a news conference in Beijing on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The prime minister said that the approach that Canada takes when it comes to a free trade agreement is that it must include a number of important items — he mentioned two political and two economic issues," Saint-Jacques said.

On the political side, he said it was important for Trudeau that modern free trade deals include chapters on labour and on the environment.

Saint-Jacques said the prime minister also made it clear that any deal with China must "address the impact of state-owned enterprises" and procurement.

"And as you know, those areas are problematic," he said.

"I would say that a lot more work needs to be done on those areas. I would say the prime minister was quite clear on this."

Takeovers of Canadian firms by Chinese state-owned enterprises have proved highly controversial in the past. The concerns led the former Conservative government to restrict state-owned Chinese investment in Alberta's oilsands.

For its part, China has been urging Canada to negotiate a free trade agreement.

While Trudeau has said he hopes to broaden trade with the growing superpower, he has been cautious about stating he would like pursue formal talks.

A senior Canadian official said Wednesday that some technical discussions related to free trade with China have been held and will continue, but the official stressed that there have been no negotiations.

Still, Trudeau said Wednesday that the two sides will take steps to improve trade and investment, boost tourism, expand cultural exchanges and address climate change.

The countries, he noted, also agreed to establish annual meetings between the Chinese premier and the Canadian prime minister on a range of issues, including national security and the rule of law.

"This year marks 45 years of diplomatic relations between Canada and China," Trudeau said as he stood beside Li overlooking Tiananmen Square.

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POLITICS

Opposition slams Liberals over GDP fall

The Opposition Conservatives and the NDP seized on Wednesday's news of grim second-quarter economic growth as evidence that the Liberal government's election promises of jobs and prosperity are falling well short of expectations.

The economy recorded its worst performance in seven years during the quarter, Statistics Canada said Wednesday.

Real gross domestic product fell at an annualized rate of 1.6 per cent in the quarter, largely because of the huge wildfires that levelled parts of Fort McMurray, Alta.

It's bad news for a government that campaigned on growing the economy with deficit spending and boosting the middle class. That prescription isn't working, the Tories say.

"This is the biggest drop in GDP since the end of the Great Recession," said Phil McColeman, Conservative deputy finance critic. "The Liberal government promised Canadians that if it borrowed tens of billions of dollars, it could grow the economy and create jobs. In reality, the Liberals have failed to deliver results for middle-class families, who instead are left with higher-taxes, fewer job opportunities and a shrinking economy."

NDP finance critic Guy Caron said he is worried that people most in need will suffer from the economic slump, and suggested the government look at increased access to employment insurance.

"Bad news for growth and jobs are adding up and the government should react with swift actions rather than standing on the sidelines," Caron said.

Randy Hoback, the Conservative vice-chair of the Commons international trade committee, complained that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is on a state visit to China that seems more style than substance.

"On a day where we learn that the economy is performing worse than it has since the Great Recession, this Liberal government is more interested in photo ops than Canadian jobs and the middle class," Hoback said in a statement.

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Trump, Peña Nieto talk wall

U.S. ELECTION

Mexico visit an attempt to paint candidate in a different light

On Mexican soil for the first time as the Republican presidential nominee, a firm but measured Donald Trump defended the right of the United States to build a massive border wall along its southern flank, standing up for the centrepiece of his immigration plan in a country where he is widely despised.

But within hours of Trump's visit, a dispute arose over the most contentious part of the billionaire's plans to secure the U.S. southern border — his insistence that Mexico must pay to build that wall.

When answering questions from adjacent lecterns before a Mexican flag after his meeting at the official residence of the country's president, Enrique Peña Nieto, Trump said Wednesday the two men didn't discuss who would pay for a cost of construction pegged in the billions.

Silent at that moment, Peña Nieto later tweeted, "At the start of the conversation with Donald Trump I made it clear that Mexico will not pay for the wall." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donald Trump delivers a joint press conference with President Enrique Peña Nieto in Mexico City on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

+ TRUMP'S SPEECH

Seeking to end confusion over his recently muddled language on immigration, Donald Trump vowed Wednesday night in his long-awaited immigration policy speech to remove millions of people living in the country illegally if he becomes president.

Trump warned that failure to do so would jeopardize the "well-being of the American people." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SOUTH AMERICA

Brazilian president removed from office

Brazil's Senate on Wednesday voted to remove President Dilma Rousseff from office, the culmination of a fight that paralyzed the nation and exposed deep rifts among its people.

While Rousseff's ouster was widely expected, the decision was a key chapter in a colossal political struggle. Rousseff was Brazil's first female president, with a storied career that includes a stint as a Marxist guerrilla jailed and tortured in the 1970s during the country's dictatorship. She was accused of breaking fiscal laws in her management of the federal budget.

Opposition lawmakers, who made clear early on the only solution was getting her out of office, argued that the manoeuvres masked yawning deficits from high spending and ultimately exacerbated the recession in a nation that had enjoyed darling status among emerging economies.

Dilma Rousseff ASSOCIATED PRESS

The opposition needed 54 of the 81 senators to vote in favour for her to be removed. They got many more, winning in a landslide of sorts, 61-20.

"Today is the day that 61 men, many of them charged and corrupt, threw 54 million Brazilian votes in the garbage," Rousseff tweeted minutes after the decision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCIENCE

Fossils may be oldest signs of life on Earth

Scientists have found what they think is the oldest fossil on Earth, a remnant of life from 3.7 billion years ago when Earth's skies were orange and its oceans green.

In a newly melted part of Greenland, Australian scientists found the leftover structure from a community of microbes that lived on an ancient sea floor, according to a study in Wednesday's journal Nature.

The discovery shows life may have formed quicker and easier than once thought, about half a billion years after Earth formed. And that may also give hope for life forming elsewhere, such as Mars, said study co-author Martin VanKranendonk of the University of New South Wales and director of the Australian Center for Astrobiology.

"It gives us an idea how our planet evolved and how life gained a foothold," VanKranendonk said.

Scientists had thought it would take at least half a billion years for life to form after the molten Earth started to cool a bit, but this shows it could have happened quicker, he said. That's because the newly found fossil is far too complex to have developed soon after the planet's first life forms, he said.

In an outcrop of rocks that used to be covered with ice and snow, the Australian team found stromatolites, which are intricately layered microscopic layered structures that are often produced by a community of microbes. The stromatolites were about 1-4 centimetres high.

It "is like the house left behind made by the microbes," VanKranendonk said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Vancouver

In harm-reduction circles they say every overdose is preventable. By that standard, B.C. is failing dramatically.

Speak to those at the front lines of the unprecedented drug overdoses hitting Vancouver and, if they've been around long enough, the 1990s will come up.

It was a decade of headline-grabbing OD deaths, peaking in 1998 when 417 people in B.C. died from illicit-drug overdoses.

But 2016 is shaping up to be far, far worse.

Already, at least 371 people have died in the province, a two-a-day rate that could translate into 800 deaths by year's end. The provincial health officer declared an emergency in April.

The highest-profile culprit is fentanyl, a viciously toxic synthetic opioid detected in 60 per cent of OD deaths this year and 86 per cent of drugs at Insite, Vancouver's safe-injection site. It's spreading across the country at an alarming pace.

"2015 was the first year the number, the rate, was above 1998," noted Dr. Jane Buxton, an epidemiologist and head of harm reduction for the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

"I'm either so angry or so heartbroken," Ann Livingston, a long-time activist with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU), told me. "I think, Oh my God. We went through this is in the '90s, and we lobbied like hell, and we got Insite, so there was some sense of moving forward. And now there seems to be even less action."

It's a sentiment that might surprise anyone aware of the growing headlines on opioid overdoses across this country over the last two years, from Alberta's 270 fentanyl-related deaths in 2015, to a recent national investigation by the Globe and Mail, to this week's statement from Ontario police chiefs and community safety groups calling 2016 a record-breaking year for overdose alerts and warning that fentanyl is a "ticking time bomb."

In response, both B.C. and Alberta have struck overdose task forces, and Manitoba has a fentanyl-awareness task force. The federal government has made naloxone — a lifesaving anti-overdose drug — available without prescription nationally.

The move is part of Health Canada's "Action on Opioid Misuse" plan, and yesterday, to mark International Overdose Day, the ministry announced it was "moving forward" with a plan to restrict six chemicals used to make fentanyl, citing RCMP reports of "an increase in domestic production" of the drug, which is also made in China and shipped into Canada.

But all this is not enough for Livingston. It's common parlance in harm-reduction circles that every overdose is preventable. By that standard, she says, B.C. is failing dramatically.

In her eyes, the explosion of fentanyl and related deaths is a symptom of ineffective drug, homelessness and policing policies. She cites insufficient or ineffective recovery programs; a clamp-down on opioid prescribing that drives those with addictions to street drugs; and lower welfare support for the homeless, which she argues leads greater numbers of drug users into jails, and thus raises their risk of post-release overdose.

And she blames the dearth of legal, publicly accessible safe-injection sites like Vancouver's Insite, still the only such facility in North America — a legacy of the Harper government, which fought the site all the way to a loss at the Supreme Court, and then legislated onerous rules that have curtailed efforts to duplicate Insite, and its undisputed public-health success, elsewhere.

Judging by the Liberal government's messaging, that could change. A year ago, on a campaign stop in Vancouver, Justin Trudeau told a crowd, "I certainly want to see more safe-injection sites opened around the country." In March, his health minister, Jane Philpott, told the CBC, "Sites like Insite in Vancouver and others like them have the possibility to save countless lives."

But possibility and reality are miles apart. And possibility is where many proposed sites — in Victoria, in Toronto, and five more in Vancouver — remain. While Canadians continue to die at alarming rates, the Liberal government has given no indication that undoing the Conservative legislation is a priority.

It is hard to view that as anything other than heel-dragging.

"You know what will speed this up, I think?" Livingston told me.

"Parents of kids who've died need to sue, right away. I tell ya, I would. Because it's part of this awful stigma. If you're a drug addict, you're supposed to be so ashamed of yourself that your life doesn't matter."

B.C. is already calling the fentanyl crisis what it is — a public-health emergency —and Ottawa needs to follow suit. Why should death by overdose entail any less federal action than death by poisoned water, for instance?

"We shouldn't have to wait," Livingston said, "while they fiddle and faddle and argue, or whatever the hell they're doing, while our kids die."

E-sports: Where women don't have to be scrubs

Samantha Emann
Metro | Toronto

The next big thing in arts and entertainment is competitive video-gaming. You might not realize it yet, but you soon will.

The biggest tournaments in "e-sports" — competitions involving games like League of Legends, Starcraft 2 and Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) — draw audiences comparable to those of major mainstream sporting events. By 2019, according to market research, it will be a billion-dollar business, which is what the NHL was in about 1998.

Count on it: E-sports is going to be making people rich and famous. Women make up about half of non-pro gamers in North America, and women gamers have none of the physical disadvantages that have kept them out of traditional pro sports. Competitive gaming should be the first big-time sport in which men and women share equally in the glory and spoils.

But, right now, sponsors, advertisers and other stakeholders in the e-sports business are not looking at women as a viable demographic, either as players or consumers.

A woman in e-sports is "a small fish in a very large pond — a fish in a shark tank," said Laure Guilbert, a former manager for Team YP, which has teams competing in games like Street Fighter and League of Legends. She says the business side of the e-sports community needs to play catchup.

"There are not a lot of sponsors that are putting forward women as professional gamers," she said.

Stephanie Harvey is a Canadian and a five-time world champion in the popular team shooter CS:GO. She co-founded of Missckliks, an advocacy organization for women in e-sports and geek culture.

While all players face some taunting, she said, the abuse directed at women is different in that it's often about looks and sexuality, rather than skill and gameplay.

"Women are targeted even if there is no reason for them to be targeted," Harvey said. "For a man, he needs to have done something (in game) to be targeted. For women, just me being there."

This industry has already broken barriers. It wasn't long ago that gamers were assumed to be white, male, heterosexual slackers who were socially inept and lived on a diet of Doritos and Mountain Dew. Now gaming's celebrities are more diverse. As an avid gamer myself, I have so much respect for people like the proud geeks of Missckliks, who show that women, who have always had a part to play in the gaming community, will continue to fight for their rightful share of this industry's rewards.

We were there in the Dorito Dark Ages and we'll be there in the E-Sports Night in Canada future.

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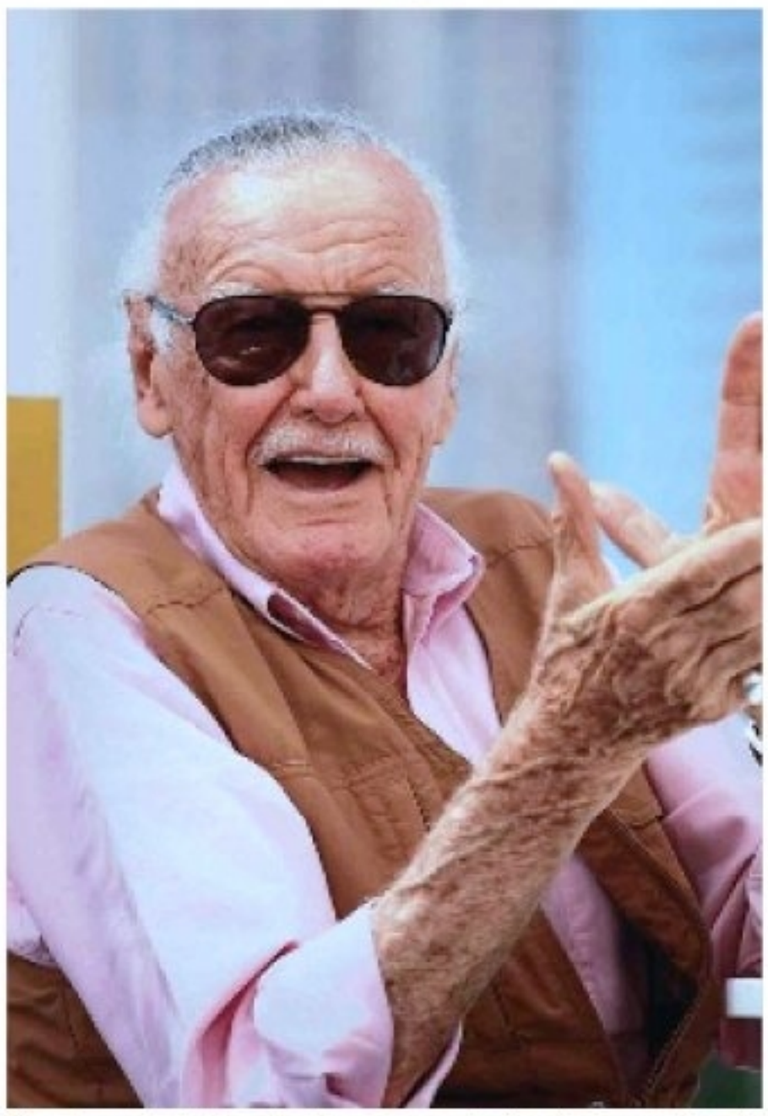
Artist Stan Lee reflects on his remarkable career, legacy

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Stan Lee says he has a bad memory — that's why he employed alliteration to his characters' names like **Peter Parker, Matt Murdoch** and **Bruce Banner**, he tells Metro. GETTY IMAGES

Despite laying the foundation for the wildly popular Marvel Universe, Stan Lee says he is no superhero specialist.

"I'm not an expert of any sort," says the 93-year-old on the line from his Los Angeles office.

"I really try to think of stories that I myself would like to read. I never try to write for a certain segment of the readership. I write for myself and I hope that I'm not that unusual. If I like it other people might also like it."

When it came to naming his characters he had an unusual habit of using alliteration — think Peter Parker, Bruce Banner, Matt Murdoch and Reed Richards — for a very practical reason.

"It's because I have a bad memory," he says. "If I could remember one of the names like Spider-Man, if I could remember his first name was Peter then I knew his second name began with a P. That is really the only reason. I have a terrible memory for names and by making the first and second letter the same, if I thought of one name I had a clue as to what the other was."

Lee, who will appear at Fan Expo in Toronto this weekend in what is being billed as his last Canadian appearance, enjoys superstar status. But he is humble when asked about his legacy. "I didn't go out of my way to be enduring," he says.

In fact, when he began writing comic books over 70 years ago, "I was just hoping that somebody would buy them so I could keep my job and be able to pay the rent. In a million years I wouldn't have thought I'd be travelling around the country, talking to people like you about the comics.

"I just hope that maybe I brought some enjoyment to people, and they enjoyed reading the stories."

And they have. Bolstered by passionate fans — or True Believers as Lee calls them — support for Lee's work has endured in the form of movies, video games, books and on hundreds of comment boards where aficionados pit superhero against superhero in epic make-believe battles and argue over who would emerge victorious. Lee, however, claims he doesn't have a preferred character.

"People expect me to have a favourite," he says, "so I always say Spider-Man because that's what they expect. I'm really not good at favourites. I really love them all."

So out of Spider-Man, Hulk, Professor X or any of the other 300 or so characters he created, who does he most relate to?

"Of course I think of myself as being like Tony Stark because he's glamorous and intelligent and handsome," he laughs.

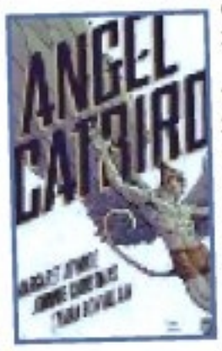
"But seriously I think there is a little bit of everybody in all these characters. I think that's why them seem to be popular. I tried to give them all hang-ups and weaknesses. None of them are really perfect. They are just like regular people, I hope."

INTERVIEW

Comic book diversity doesn't worry Atwood

In Margaret Atwood's new graphic novel series Angel Catbird, even the hero's pants have an origin story.

Choosing from a selection of six bottoms, as illustrated by Johnnie Christmas, the author settled on a feathery brown pair with a red waistband: "Very simple; leathery; attractive," Atwood tells Metro.



In the comic, set for release Sept. 6., the title character's alter-ego Strig Feleedus receives the pants as a gift from his love interest and fellow part-cat-part-human, Cate Leone.

"It's the Superman problem: where does he get the outfit? Does he have it on all the time, under his suit? So we went with an origin story for the pants. All of these things have to be considered because inquiring minds will ask," Atwood says about the level of detail required when putting together the series, which will see Vol. 2 released in February.

Angel Catbird is a superhero with a conflicted identity — when he sees a chick threatened by a cat, he places it back in the nest rather than join in on the pounce. In a partnership with Nature Canada, the book is peppered with statistics on the dangers outdoor cats face, as well as how they contribute to bird deaths and the environmental impact of declining songbird populations.

Atwood has long been a fan of comics, especially ones with a message — even Walt Kelly's Pogo was political in its day, she says.

"There's a classic from the '90s called Blacksad, it's a cat and he's a noir detective...it's quite wonderful but it's about race politics in the States," she says.

Now, the genre is more diverse than ever, and niche audiences are helping give rise to "really complex, interesting, immersive stories," she says.

Strong female characters are being increasingly represented in the community, and they're given storylines that are more racy than those in the mainstream Marvel universe.

"There's one called Lady Killer, which is a '50s housewife who doubles as an assassin. It's pretty funny. Then there's one called Bitch Planet," says Atwood.

Atwood was impressed with this diversity when she attended San Diego Comic Con in July (she is also slated to attend Fan Expo Canada on Saturday.)

"What we're having in comics is what happened in television a while ago, and in books probably around the turn of the century or earlier," she says.

If there is a void, it's being filled very quickly, she adds. There are comic publishers devoted entirely to LGBTQAI themes.

"There's one called Mama Tits Saves the World, in which Mama Tits is a drag queen. But she doesn't have a back story yet so I'd like to hear the backstory of how Mama Tits became Mama Tits." MELITA KUBURAS/METRO

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An all-ages comic with an accessible style

Gotham Academy Annual #1
BY: Becky Cloonan, Brendan Fletcher and Karl Kerschl
PUBLISHER: DC Comics

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Anyone who hasn't been picking up Gotham Academy needs to learn all about it right now. This week, the title gets its first-ever annual, and it's the perfect place to join the class.

This self-contained story will bring you up to speed on the school friends in the Detective Club who investigate weird happenings in their old, crumbling school. Oh, and that school is in Gotham City, so familiar figures pop up everywhere and the secrets are linked to Batman's huge stable of enemies and allies.

Becky Cloonan, rightly a star of comic books, is doing superb character work on Gotham Academy, and Karl Kerschl's art — with an unusually accessible style for something set in Gotham — is a big part of it. This is an all-ages comic that all ages really can enjoy.

If you like this, there are two reprint books available, so going right back to the start is easy, and this new annual is designed as a jumping-on point ahead of the next part, Gotham Academy: Second Semester.

BOOK BRIEF

Justin Trudeau debuts in Marvel

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has officially entered the Marvel universe as a newly minted comic cover star. Trudeau appears on the variant cover of issue No. 5 of Marvel's Civil War II: Choosing Sides released Wednesday. Marvel offered a sneak peek at the cover earlier this summer, which features Trudeau sitting, smiling and relaxed, in a boxing ring wearing a Maple Leaf-emblazoned tank, black shorts and red boxing gloves. Standing behind him are Puck, Sasquatch and Aurora, who are members of Canadian superhero squad Alpha Flight, while Iron Man is seen in the left corner with his arms crossed. In the special issue, Trudeau offers advice to members of Alpha Flight — formally the Canadian peacekeeping force — during a visit to his Ottawa office.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A perfume ad that celebrates being free

THE SHOW: Kenzo World commercial (YouTube)
THE MOMENT: The look into the camera

Margaret Qualley, the star of the new Kenzo World commercial, moves in spastic ways meant to defy pretty. CONTRIBUTED

A beauty in a green gown (Margaret Qualley, The Leftovers) excuses herself from a dull dinner and steps into a grand hallway (it seems to be Manhattan's Lincoln Center). She wipes away a tear. Then her eyes lock onto the camera. Intoxicating music (Sam Spiegel) begins to play. And she's off.

For three minutes, Qualley kicks, punches, twitches, shakes and prances. She makes faces in mirrors, dominates a man on his cellphone, shoots lasers from her fingers. Finally she leaps outside, flies through a huge eye made of flowers, and pounds her chest like Tarzan.

If Kenzo's dictum to this spot's director, Spike Jonze (Her), and its choreographer, Ryan Heffington (Sia's Chandelier), was, "Expensive but rebellious," they got their money's worth. Interestingly, we never see the perfume. More interesting: There's no suggestion of romance or seduction.

Typically, perfume ads imply, "Wear this to win him." But a growing number of spots feature women who are fiercely solo: Charlize Theron striding Versailles in a J'Adore Dior ad by Jean-Jacques Annaud (Seven Years in Tibet). Keira Knightley running away from suitors in two Coco Mademoiselle spots from Joe Wright (Atonement). Pixies bowling with bottles of Chance.

Qualley, who's 21 (deliberately young for a spokesmodel), outrocks them all, with contorted expressions and spastic movements meant to defy prettiness. That look she gives the camera (Jonze used the same device in his 2001 video for Weapon of Choice, with Christopher Walken) stakes her claim: No male gaze here. She's wild, she's free, and if she wears World, it's for herself.

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Heritage-inspired townhomes

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Project overview

Sutherland is a collection of 12 heritage-inspired townhomes in the heart of the growing Moody Centre neighbourhood. These three and four-bedroom homes by Trillium Projects range from 1,221 sq. ft. to 1,579 sq. ft. Occupancy is slated for fall/winter 2017. Sales start on Sept. 17 and are by appointment only.

Housing amenities

With gated private yards, two-car garages and generous interior layouts, these townhomes are thoughtfully designed for entertaining, relaxing and everyday family living.

Location and transit

Sutherland residents can easily explore in all directions with an extensive transit network, including the West Coast Express and the future Evergreen Line station only two blocks away. Highway connectivity is within reach, so getting to other corners of the Lower Mainland is never a problem.

In the neighbourhood

Sutherland is located near the shores of Burrard Inlet and nearby Buntzen Lake, so residents can spend their days outside enjoying nature. There are several parks in the community, including Rocky Point Park, Mundy Park and Burnaby Mountain Park. There's no shortage of shops, services and restaurants.

NEED TO KNOW

What: Sutherland
Builder: Trillium Projects
Designer: Occupy Designs
Location: St. George and Hugh streets, Port Moody
Building: Three-storey townhomes
Sizes: From 1,221 sq. ft. 1,579 sq. ft.
Model: Three- and four-bedroom homes
Pricing: Not available
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DIY

Chime in on end-of-summer sounds

Bring tranquil sounds to your outdoor space with a wind chime made from simple elements such as copper, brass and wood. In Feng Shui, wind chimes are said to bring good luck and fortune to a home.

Step 1: Gather the supplies
We used thin metal sheets purchased from an art supply store, but you could also use metal bells. You could also consider using small pieces of driftwood, sea glass or shells collected from a beach holiday — just drill a small hole through each to hang.

You'll need:
- Large brass ring
- Small brass rings
- Copper metal sheet
- Wooden beads
- Leather lace or strip
- Fishing wire or very thin metal wire
- Scissors
- Hammer
- Flat head nail
- Scrap wood
- Metal snips
- Safety gloves and glasses

Step 2: Loop it
Loop a strip of leather through the brass hoop. Add the wooden bead, knotting it at the top.

Step 3: Cut out metal shapes.
Using metal snips, cut out shapes from the copper metal sheets. Make sure you wear safety glasses and protect your hands from the sharp metal edges by wearing gloves.

Step 4: Pierce holes
Place the metal shape on a hard, level, wooden surface. Hold a flat head nail on the metal shape and hammer the nail through the metal. It will take some effort to pierce a hole through the metal. Watch your fingers!

Step 5: Put together.
Use fishing wire or very thin metal wire to string the metal shapes and wooden beads from the brass ring. These were strung fairly randomly onto the brass ring checking occasionally to make sure that the objects had contact with each other.

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In defense of the city critters

ADVICE

Most city 'pests' are actually fairly benign

Mark Cullen
For Torstar News Service

You may hate me for saying this — but let me say it: Bring on the critters.

If you're fortunate enough to find yourself in Invermere, B.C., any time soon, you will notice every tree on the main street has a wire cage around it.

These have been installed at great expense to taxpayers in an attempt to prevent damage by deer. It is difficult to have a garden in Invermere, since the local deer have developed a palate for just about every living thing with leaves.

Even deer-resistant plants — look for a list of them on my website, markcullen.com/search-the-library/ — are pretty much useless in Invermere.

Squirrels have this in common with deer, I find. When they are finished eating everything in sight that comes naturally to them, they start chowing down and destroying many plants that are not normally on their menu.

"Why is a red squirrel ripping the bark off my mature sugar maple?" one reader asked. My answer: "I have no idea."

To get the answer, you would have to get inside the brain of a squirrel and I am just not interested enough in the subject to become a full-time neuro-student of squirrels.

I say, "Garden calm and carry on."

I do not have deer or rabbits in my garden. I hear horror stories about them when I travel, from the densely populated urban centres of the country to the small towns and rural areas.

While on a speaking engagement in Muskoka recently, I took questions from the audience. The enquiries about deer damage quickly became a theme of the evening.

"Everyone with a deer problem, there is a special meeting afterwards. We will sit in a circle and have a deer therapy session," I suggested.

It got a laugh but we did not meet afterwards and there were no definitive answers to this dilemma. This column is not for deer victims. It is for the more urban set that wake up to raccoon scat on the patio or skunk smells where they were grubbing for grubs in the lawn.

Mark Cullen argues that critters with a pesky rep are most a nuisance when we pay too much attention to them. SHUTTERSTOCK

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They look lost because they are. But they do precious little damage. For the most part, they seem to be a nuisance when we pay too much attention to them.

'Why is a red squirrel ripping the bark off my mature sugar maple?' one reader asked. My answer: 'I have no idea.'

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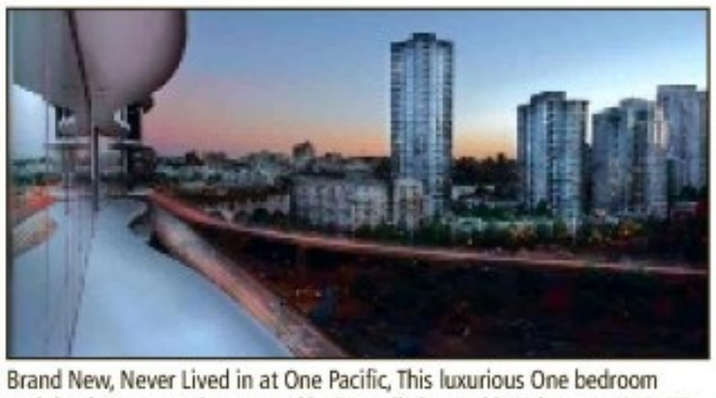

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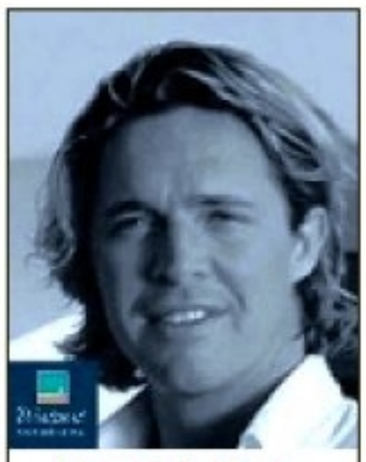

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Following the lead of the World Anti-Doping Agency, the NHL has added meldonium to its list of banned substances

MLB A GRAND SALAMI AND AN ICE-COLD DRINK Carlos Gomez is showered with Powerade after the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 14-1 on Wednesday in Arlington, Texas. Rougned Odor homered twice one day after hitting a game-ending shot and Gomez connected for a grand slam off Mariners starter Felix Hernandez as the Rangers completed a three-game sweep. Texas has an American League-best record of 80-54. TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Blue Jays take 2 out of 3 against Orioles

In Baltimore

5	3
BLUE JAYS	ORIOLES

Jose Bautista homered on the game's first pitch and Russell Martin went deep four batters later in support of Aaron Sanchez, leading the Blue Jays to a 5-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Toronto took two of the three games in the pivotal American League East series. The fading Orioles are four games behind the first-place Blue Jays and are tied with Detroit for the second wild-card spot.

Sanchez (13-2) was recalled from Class-A Dunedin to make the start. He spent 10 days in the minors to limit his innings and he took advantage of the extra rest. Sanchez allowed an unearned run and five hits with two strikeouts over six innings and a season-high 112 pitches.

Michael Saunders hit his 23rd homer, a solo shot in the eighth that made it 5-1.

Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth off Roberto Osuna to cap the scoring.

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U.S. OPEN

Raonic upset by American qualifier

Milos Raonic didn't have his main weapon ready to bail him out at Flushing Meadows.

The fifth-seeded Raonic crashed out of the U.S. Open in the second round Wednesday, losing 6-7 (4), 7-5, 7-5, 6-1 to Ryan Harrison, a qualifier from the United States ranked only 120th.

Raonic had problems holding serve, usually a strength for the six-foot-five Canadian, and double faulted 15 times.

Though Raonic managed to fire 18 aces, he also made 66 unforced errors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ryan Harrison reacts after winning a game against Milos Raonic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leone's last-second kick lifts Lions to win

CFL

B.C. spoils Ray's return to Toronto lineup

Richie Leone gave his critics and the Toronto Argonauts the boot Wednesday.

Leone converted all three field goals he attempted, including a 30-yard kick into a brisk wind as time expired to give the B.C. Lions an exciting 16-13 win over the Toronto Argonauts. That earned Leone the game ball and a measure of redemption as he'd made just 17 of 26 field goals (65.4 per cent) coming in.

"It (game ball) is something I'm going to treasure and remember for a while," Leone said. "Coach (Wally Buono) challenged me this week, the guys challenged me this week because I have missed a couple of kicks.

"But at end of the day it was nice to have a win like this. If we're going to have a couple more, then I'm going to need to convert for this team."

The Lions celebrate in front of stunned Argos on Wednesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An enthusiastic BMO Field gathering of 17,509 — Toronto's second-largest home crowd this season — was treated to a close, seesaw affair as both teams dealt with the steady 17 km/h wind in quarterback Ricky Ray's return to the Argos lineup.

"I was just glad the offence got down there close enough so the wind didn't matter," Leone said of his final field goal.

Lions quarterback Jonathon Jennings tamed the blustery conditions when it mattered most, orchestrating a 61-yard, 10-play march into the wind to set up Leone's deciding kick. Jennings finished 22 of 31 passing for 199 yards and an interception as B.C. (7-3) improved to 5-1 on the road and registered its first-ever sweep of games in Ontario after beating Ottawa 29-23 last week.

In Toronto

16	13
LIONS	ARGOS

B.C.'s defence was also stellar, led by linebacker Solomon Elimimian. The CFL's outstanding player in 2014 had a sack and interception to go with 13 tackles, giving him 34 in his last three games.

Ray returned to Toronto's lineup after missing three starts with a knee injury and opened with 14 straight completions. He finished 24 of 29 passing for 213 yards with a TD and pick.

"Obviously we came out and got off to a great start," Ray said. "But we didn't do enough the rest of the game."

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IN BRIEF

It's nice to just step back and skate on my own.

Patrick Chan said he isn't ready to hire a new coach. He has been without a coach since Kathy Johnson announced her resignation last week.

Harrison and others cleared in PED probe

NFL stars James Harrison, Clay Matthews and Julius Peppers can start the regular season without having the spectre of a league investigation over whether they used performance-enhancing drugs hanging over their heads.

The NFL cleared all three players on Wednesday, saying there was "no credible evidence" the players were guilty of any of the claims made in a documentary by Al-Jazeera America in January.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Can

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- 1 1/2 cups (350 ml) coconut milk
- 1 1/2 lb (750g) chicken thighs or breasts, cut into chunks
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 2 Tbsp fish sauce
- 1 Tbsp lime leaves (optional)
- 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- Pinch salt
- Fresh coriander, chopped
- Lime wedges, to serve

Directions

1. Heat oil in large frying pan. Fry curry paste and spices for a couple of minutes.

2. Add 1/3 of the coconut milk and reduce the heat. Add the chicken and stir until the spices and milk combine.

3. Add the remaining coconut milk then stir in the sugar, fish sauce and lime leaves. Bring the sauce to the boil, simmer for a few minutes then add the peanut butter and salt.

4. Simmer 20 minutes. Garnish with the chopped coriander and serve with the lime wedges.

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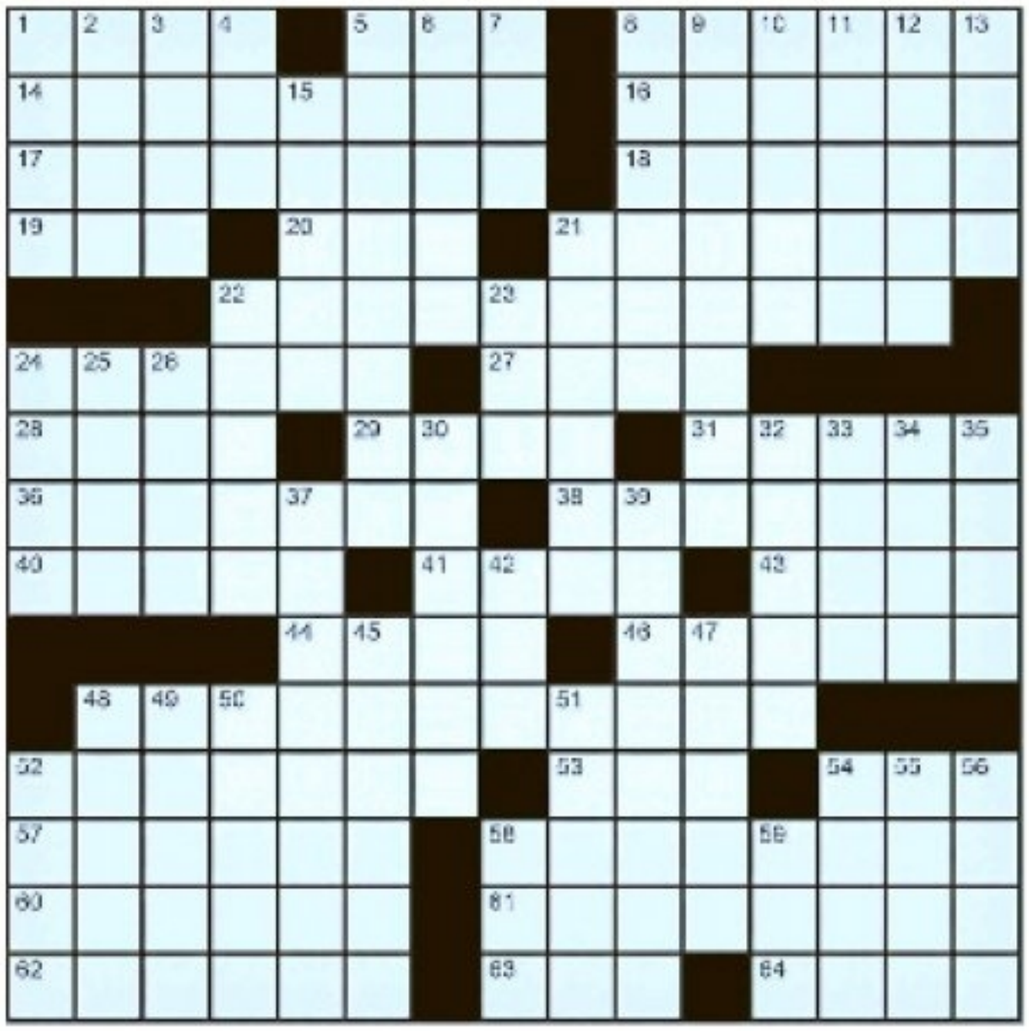

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3. Moreover
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5. Quaint amusement park ride
6. Stevie Wonder's My Cherie __
7. Sugar amt.
8. Three's Company star Suzanne
9. State of being strait-laced
10. Hawaiian-style veranda
11. Q. "What's the Loonie?" A. "Why, it's __ of Canada!"
12. 'Phat' for Fantastic
13. Rhyming animals for Affleck and Stiller
15. 'Burn the midnight oil', for example
21. Securely settled in soil
22. Grass sods locations
23. US hwy. speed
24. City in Quebec
25. Boyfriend
26. Car washing needs
30. Provides food at wedding receptions
32. Fennel-like flavour
33. Cab
34. One of The Waltons
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42. Sphere
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50. Hike up
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52. Birds of myth
54. Have a meal
55. Compel
56. Escritoire
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59. Hairpiece

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Things might be dicey when dealing with bosses at work today. Knowing this ahead of time, don't make an issue of things. You cannot push the river.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Parents will have to be patient with kids today. (Sometimes it's all a bit much.) Likewise, romantic partners will have to be patient with each other. (Again, it's a bit much.)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone in a position of authority might block your wishes today, especially regarding family issues. Don't make a big deal about anything. It's not worth it.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Avoid arguments with others, especially with siblings, relatives and neighbors. It will be hard for you to stick up for yourself, because others are intimidating today.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Financial squabbles are likely today. Don't go up against others, especially if they have authority or power. Keep a low profile.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today is somewhat restrictive and possibly even depressing. This is why you want to break free from your rut but feel you cannot. Easy does it. Wait till tomorrow!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It seems others just get in your way today, no matter what you do. Naturally, you feel frustrated. Nevertheless, be courteous.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Group plans or an interaction with a friend will be stymied today, possibly because of financial limitations. You can't win them all.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You cannot escape the duties and responsibilities that others demand of you today, even though you don't want to deliver. Just suck it up and face the facts.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Authority figures related to politics, religion or the government might be challenging. Toe the line.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have to pay your dues and carry your fair share when it comes to group activities. This might seem onerous; however, it is what it is.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Relations with parents and bosses are dicey today, because they will interfere with what you want to do. The fact is, you cannot get your way. However, this is just a temporary setback, because tomorrow is a fabulous day!

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